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Reading program earns high marks

Children enrolled in Talking Book Services celebrated the state's "Once Upon a Time" summer reading program with a wrap-up party July 27 in Columbia.

Nearly 20 children and family members from across the state visited the South Carolina State Library to receive a medal and certification of achievement from Talking Book Services.

Special guests also took part: The Chick-fil-A cow stopped by to give the children coupons and a toy; Lexington County Library storyteller Suzette Hawkins entertained children and adults; and Talking Book Services patron Stacy Brown of Columbia created balloon animals.

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■ Summer readers



**Staycee
Etheredge, 6**



**Austin
Ingle, 10**



**Anthony
Quarles, 9**



**Mariah
Williams, 11**



**Alexis
Faulkenberry, 5**
* Not all
participants
are pictured.

S.C. centenarians honored with new club

South Carolina centenarians were inducted into the **State Library's 10² Talking Book Club** on Oct. 27. The club is an initiative of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped of the Library of Congress. The club recognizes the accomplishments of Talking Book Services patrons who are 100 years of age and older. The inductees are Frances Claus of Spartanburg, Louise Johnson of Columbia, Lillian May of Leesville, Emma Milling of Greenville, Julia Prentiss of Johns Island, and Catherine Robinson and Dorothy Williams, both of Summerville.

■ **Look for a full story in the next issue of MORE.**

HAVING MY SAY

Pamela N. Davenport
Director, TBS



These are exciting times at Talking Book Services! We have a record number of new patrons – according to calculations we have over 8,000 registered patrons. We also have attended a number of exhibits and made presentations around the state. Hats off to the TBS staff for a job well done! I've enjoyed meeting and talking to so many of you our readers and family members.

I attended the 50th anniversary of the National Federation for the Blind (NFB) held in August in Columbia. We wish the NFB a very happy anniversary and many more. I also attended the convention hosted by the American Council of the Blind (ACB) in early November in Charleston. If you have an event coming up that you would like us to attend, please let us know.

Our summer reading program "Once Upon A Time" was a huge success. Many of our bookworms devoured lots of good books during the summer, and a few participants, family members and friends were able to attend our party. We are grateful to you and to our many sponsors who made our program a reality. Again, thank you for your support in keeping our students motivated to read. We are looking forward to next year as we add teen readers to the program. Hope you are having a great school year!

As always, there is never a dull moment here at TBS! We changed our Braille service from North Carolina to Utah. We joined many other states as we became a member of the 10² Talking Book Club, which recognizes patrons who are 100 years old or older. And two TBS staffers welcomed new additions to their families.

We always look forward to hearing what you say about our services. Your comments are always welcomed and I always enjoy our conversations.

WHAT YOU SAID

"Without the Talking Book Service it would be more difficult to get the books in a timely manner that I can choose to read."

Debra Canty

"It's a blessing. Most enjoyable things that I have found for a person."

Harry Roberts

"It helps fulfill my life ... just like a friend."

Jayne Pritchard

"I don't know what I would do if it wasn't for TBS. ... They are a lifesaver."

Marion Greene

MUSICAL BIOGRAPHIES

Listed below is a sampling of musical biographies in the collection. Call 800-922-7818 or 803-734-4611.



- RC 61511** Bordowitz, Hank. **Billy Joel: The Life & Times of an Angry Young Man.** Traces the life and career of the songwriter/pianist, highlighting Joel's childhood in Long Island, his three marriages, and alcohol problems.
- RC 59429** Dylan, Bob. **Chronicles: Volume 1.** First of a three-volume memoir by the music legend recalling his early days in Greenwich Village, transient loves, lasting friendships, and experiences in New Orleans and Woodstock.
- RC 60340** Firestone, Ross. **Swing, Swing, Swing: The Life and Times of Benny Goodman.** Biography of jazz clarinetist recounts his career as a child prodigy in Chicago, early gigs during the depression era, and success with the "big band" sound.
- RC 58607** Koon, George William. **Hank Williams, So Lonesome.** Documents country singer's rise from Depression-era Alabama to Nashville stardom and examines the mystery surrounding his death.
- RC 57396** Mick Jagger, Keith Richards, Charlie Watts ... (et al.) **According to the Rolling Stones.** Reminiscences by members of "The Stones," tracing their British roots and rise to international fame beginning in the 1960s.
- RC 59837** Seymour, Craig. **Luther: The Life and Longing of Luther Vandross.** Biography of the rhythm and blues singer/songwriter/producer, following his career from the 1970s through a devastating stroke in 2003 at age 51.
- RC 57795** White, Timothy. **Long Ago and Far Away: James Taylor, His Life and Music.** Chronicles the life of singer-songwriter James Taylor from his Scottish roots to the 1990s, including his marriages and troubling substance abuse.

NEW DVS RELEASES

The library's descriptive videos include audio descriptions of visual elements, characters, locations and costumes, and narrate action scenes. This is done without interfering with the dialogue or other sound elements. No special equipment is needed. Contact the library for details.

DV 303 "Girl with a Pearl Earring"

A young peasant maid (Scarlett Johansson) working in the house of painter Johannes Vermeer (Colin Firth) becomes his talented assistant and the model for one of his most famous works. (Rated PG-13)

DV 304 "Monster's Ball"

After a family tragedy, a racist prison guard (Billy Bob Thornton) re-examines his attitudes while falling in love with the African-American wife (Halle Berry) of the last prisoner he executed. (Rated R)

DV 305 "O"

An update of Shakespeare's "Othello" with a young cast set in a high school and centered on a basketball player named Odin. Starring Josh Hartnett, Julia Stiles, and Mekhi Phifer. (Rated R)

DV 306 "The Hobbit"

A homebody demi-human in Middle Earth gets talked into joining a quest with a group of dwarves to recover their treasure from a dragon. Animated. (Rated G)

These titles are also available on descriptive DVD:

DW 1 "Girl with a Pearl Earring"

DW 3 "O"

DW 2 "Monster's Ball"

DW 4 "The Hobbit"

READING: 'Once Upon a Time' drew 18 participants

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"Once Upon a Time" was the theme of South Carolina's vacation reading program. Public libraries planned activities to encourage children to read and enjoy books over the summer. The program was customized for participants in Talking Book Services. Large print and Braille readers from preschool level to age 12 were invited to take part in the

activities, which ran from May 8 through July 14. Eighteen children participated.

"We are very proud of our young patrons who have read books this summer," said Pamela N. Davenport, Talking Book Services director at the South Carolina State Library. "Reading during the summer helps to preserve all the learning they accomplish during the school year."

READERS' ADVISORS PICKS

RC 60470 Andrews, Mary Kay. **Hissy Fit.** When interior designer Keeley Murdock discovers her fiancé embracing her maid of honor at the rehearsal dinner, she throws a tantrum and calls off the wedding. (Windham)

RC 47872 Knipfel, Jim. **Slackjaw.** With humor and honesty, the author recalls his reluctance to accept his condition of retinitis pigmentosa and how he has coped. (Greer)

RC 36888 Willis, Connie. **The Doomsday Book.** A 21st-century history student travels back in time and she is stranded in the Middle Ages at the outbreak of the bubonic plague. (Keadle)

RC 47301 Willis, Connie. **To Say Nothing of the Dog, or, How We Found the Bishop's Bird Stump at Last.** In 2057 Ned Henry is sent back to 1940 to retrieve the bishop's bird stump—the only object needed to restore the Coventry Cathedral. (Keadle)

RC 41191 Masson, J. Moussaieff. **When Elephants Weep: The Emotional Lives of Animals.** The authors give many examples of animals expressing emotion—including some observations by scientists. (Greer)

RC 38859 Ogden, Chris. **Life of the Party: The Biography of Pamela Digby Churchill Hayward Harriman.** Unauthorized biography of former U.S. ambassador to France, detailing her colorful romantic reputation and powerful political allies. (Windham)

RC 26987 Pilcher, Rosamunde. **The Shell Seekers.** An oil painting entitled "The Shell Seekers" is the unifying thread of this saga of a modern English family. (Leventis)

RC 26040 Wolfe, Tom. **Bonfire of the Vanities.** Satire centering on the efforts of a socialite bond broker to escape responsibility for a freak accident that brings him into contact with unsavory elements of New York life. (Leventis)

ON THE WEB

Listen to author and Lexington County resident Joyce Hansen read an excerpt from her book "One True Friend." Go to www.statelibrary.sc.gov and click on Talking Books on the lefthand side of the page.

VOLUNTEER NEEDS

Wanted: More volunteer recording teams

When you listen to a talking book, you hear the skillful voice of a talented narrator. Did you know that it actually takes a team of three to produce a new talking book? Talking Book Services is now looking for new volunteers for our recording program.

In addition to a narrator, a monitor is needed to operate the digital recording equipment during the recording session. The monitor also ensures that the text is read correctly and that the recording level is consistent and up to standards. The third member of the team is the reviewer. This person's job is to listen to each recording to identify errors and passages that need to be re-recorded. They also clean up the recording by deleting extraneous noises. Monitors and reviewers provide quality control for recordings so that we may keep our recording standards at a high level. Together, all three volunteers can create a magazine or book that will provide hours of listening enjoyment for Talking Book patrons.

Now that we have a digital recording studio, we plan to record more material written by South Carolinians or about our state. You can be involved by becoming a volunteer narrator, monitor, or reviewer. Your schedule can be flexible, but must be done while the library is open, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Please call Volunteer Coordinator Naomi Bradey at (803) 734-4616 or e-mail Nbradey@statelibrary.sc.gov.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The library will be closed Nov. 23 and Nov. 24 for Thanksgiving, Dec. 25 and Dec. 26 for Christmas, Jan. 1 for New Year's and Jan. 15 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

NOW'S THE TIME TO MAKE A DONATION

Please think of the South Carolina State Library's Talking Book Services program as part of your holiday giving. Donations enable TBS to provide resources and activities not funded by the annual budget. Mail contributions to Pamela Davenport, Director, Talking Book Services, South Carolina State Library, P.O. Box 821, Columbia, SC 29202. Make checks payable to SCSL, Talking Book Services.

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**FREE MATTER
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NEW MACHINE TAKES READING TO A WHOLE NEW LEVEL

The Reader Offers Easy Access to Printed Material

The National Federation of the Blind (NFB), in partnership with Ray Kurzweil, has created the first portable reading machine for the blind and visually impaired: the Kurzweil-National Federation of the Blind Reader. The Reader uses character recognition software combined with text-to-speech conversion technology. The device weighs less than 1 pound and fits in the palm of your hand. The user holds the Reader over a piece of paper and simply pushes a button to take a picture. The machine takes about 30 seconds to process the image and then begins reading the contents of the page to the user. The Reader can be used to read mail, a menu, a receipt, a newsletter, or just about any printed item.

"The Reader has substantially increased my access to printed material and in doing so has given me a greater level of independence," said James Gashel, executive director for strategic initiatives at NFB.

For more information on the Blind Reader, call the NFB at (877) 708-1724.